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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"எனக்குத் தெரிந்த வரையில் மீனவர்களில் ஜாதி வித்யாசம் ஒன்றும் இல்லை. மற்ற விஷயங்களில் கொடுக்கப்படும் வசதிகள் எல்லாம் முஸ்லீம் மீனவர்களுக்கும் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றன."

Drainage scheme for Baliapatam Panchayat area

* 2008 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any request from the Panchayat Board, Baliapatam, North Malabar, to include a drainage scheme for the panchayat area in the Second Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) No, Sir.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"Are the Government aware that Baliapatam town has been neglected by them? As the incidence of filariasis, malaria and leprosy in that town is very high, will the Government be pleased to include the drainage scheme for this town when the question of taking up drainage schemes comes up for consideration?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"I know filariasis is endemic here and the incidence is high. The compendium of drainage schemes is being revised now and the question of Baliapatam finding a place in that compendium will be considered."

Leasing of foreshore lands for cultivation

* 2009 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a considerable portion of land on the foreshore in Kadappuram amsam, Ponnani taluk, Malabar district, was brought under paddy cultivation by the members of a registered association called the Kadappuram Yuvajana Sangham in the year 1952 and they continued the cultivation in the current year also;

(*b*) whether any assistance and co-operation were sought or rendered by the Revenue and Agriculture Departments to them;

(*c*) whether the members of the Sangham have applied to the Revenue Department for the leasing out of the land in the name of the Sangham; and

(*d*) if so, what orders have been passed in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"(*a*) Yes, Sir.

"(*b*) *to* (*d*) The Sangham applied to the Collector for temporary grant of the land for paddy cultivation. They had also applied to the District Agricultural Officer for a lease of the land. On a report submitted by the Collector, the Board of Revenue rejected the application and ordered that the request

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of this Sangham would be considered only if it formed itself into a co-operative society and if the Director of Agriculture and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies recommended the grant."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, the same question came before the House during the last session. When the Sangham applied to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for registration, he imposed the condition that the Sangham should get the land assigned by the Revenue Department in its name. From the reply of the Hon. Minister, it is seen that the Revenue Department imposed the condition that the Sangham should get itself registered under the Co-operative Societies Act. Therefore will the Government see that the registration of the Sangham and the assignment to it of the land take place in the near future? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The trouble is this. The Sangham is not in existence. Another Sangham has come in its place. That is why we insist that the Sangham should get itself registered under the Co-operative Societies Act."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether the Collector has received any application for the assignment of this land from the landless poor and if received, what action has been taken on it? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Being Malabar district, I presume an application might have come."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of assigning the lands either on lease or absolutely in view of the fact that many of these persons have been cultivating the lands for several years and taxes have been levied on the lands from the time the campaign for Grow More Food started? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" This occupation is by encroachment. The land is on the foreshore of the sea. Other lands will be affected if uncontrolled permission for cultivation is given. If the Sangham is registered as a co-operative society, the Government think that it will be under discipline."

Repairs to the dam across the Mamathur Manimuthar river

* 2010 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Government to repair the dam of Mamathur Manimuthar river in Vriddhachalam taluk which has been recently damaged and to remove the heaps of sand collected there?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no damage to the anicut and there is no shoaling up of sand in front of it."